

Fly of the Month:

Deer Hair Dragon

Hook: Daiichi 1720 size 4-6

(or similar)

Body: Spun Deer Hair

(olive, brown, black)

Wing Case: Cinnamon Turkey Tail

Thorax: Olive Deer under coat

Legs: Hungarian Partridge

Head: Black Plastic Bead Chain

Thread: Olive or Brown

~ Well the spring lake season is upon us, (finally!) When it comes to lakes in the spring, I can't think of a better aquatic insect to imitate than a dragonfly nymph. A Green Darner dragonfly nymph can be up to 2 ½ inches long! As our official state insect, it's quite a meal for a hungry rainbow looking to bulk up after a long winter.

This nymph imitation is one I came up with on the bank of Price Lake a few years ago. When spinning the body mix in browns and blacks along with the olive deer hair. Dragonfly nymphs are usually a mottled variation of all three colors. Save the undercoat of the deer hair your spinning and use it for the thorax. The trick to this fly is to do it in two stages. After spinning the hair, tie off and cut your thread. Now shape the deer hair to the desired body profile. I usually taper the body towards the head. After you have the shape you want you can finish the rest of the fly. After dubbing the thorax, fold over the turkey for the wing case, a few wraps of partridge and some plastic bead chain eyes and you're done.

This fly is supposed to float, fish it with a full sink line and a 3 to 5 foot leader. Cast out and let your line sink. Your

line will be on the bottom and your fly will be hovering just off the bottom of the lake. A few quick strips here and there and you have a life like bug swimming down for cover... money.



Fly & Photo by Ryan Haseman